

08/8/2012

Call to Order: 6:17pm

Roll Call: Districts Present – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
Executive Board – Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary, Rules
Chair, Treasurer

Introductions: Larry Flanary

Call to the Public:
None

Agenda:

Motion to approve with changes
District 17 – Motions
District 4 – Seconds
Passed

Minutes:

Motion to approve
District 4 – Motions
District 18 – Seconds
Passed

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to approve
District 13 – Motions
District 1 – Seconds
Passed

Treasurer: Covered hand outs – Profit and Loss breakdown.

District 4 – We are trying to get regions self sufficient?

Treasurer – Yes. The senior division is suppose to covered all other expenses.
Last year it didn't.

2nd Vice Chair – We've increased rider registration fees to help offset some of
this.

Treasurer – The numbers have not changed from what you've seen it is now in
classes for allocation.

Regional need to return more than what the state gave.

Old Business:

A. T-Shirt Vendor

Chair – What was the quote?

District 18 - \$4 range

Chair – Lighthouse believes they have a contract verbally for this year.
\$6.50 per regional shirt.

They gave us 25% of their gross sales.

District 18 – Wants to make sure we understand what is going on. Lighthouse
staffs the table and figures what is needed.

District 16 – Ask about vendor quotes from 18.

District 18 – did not ask if they would man a vendor table.

This vendor is doing more than just offering a shirt.

Chair – The kick back is only for states. He hears the price is reasonable.

District 4 – Whatever we do we don't want to lose who we have. The service he provides is a lot.

Chair – The conversation with Lighthouse was very good. He understands looking at cost. \$6.50 per shirt was a 2 color print.

1st Vice Chair – Regional T-Shirts are \$6.50 for 2 color.

Regions will have 2 times as many this year. We didn't put a regional letter on them and did sell all the shirts. If everyone can email the 2nd Vice Chair with their count.

Chair will get the count from last year to the 2nd Vice Chair.

District 6 – Did anyone discount for the second day? Some use to but not now.

B. Chippewa Hills

Rules Chair – We had a coaching issue. The chair and secretary met with riders and parents. The rules chair, Treasurer, 2nd vice chair and state show chair met with the coach and supporters.

Letter was read.

District 8 – In 2010 the incident happened and in 2011 a complaint was filed. Since then it's always been her daughter causing the issue.

2nd Vice Chair – Those in support of Amber said it goes on all the time even now. The incidences were getting worse with a physical altercation this year.

District 8 – You have Amber the indication it was OK to continue as a coach with Dee as the assistant.

2nd Vice Chair – Her step down as junior solved the junior issue but this is a 3 fold problem. When they were leaving the meeting they stated the board would be reviewing and make a decision. The board felt the problems escalating to a physical altercation was a big problem.

Chair: All conversations with Amber stated she was doing this for her daughter. On her last call she stated to throw her daughter out not her.

District 4 – It states inappropriate language.

Rules: No profanity but yes inappropriate.

District 4 – No practices, we can't enforce that. Everything in the complaint wasn't fulfilled.

Rules: She was dismissed based on all issues she brought forth on her own.

District 8 – Everyone's judgement is different. She did have practices. No one came.

Chair – If you have a coach who admits or is constantly arguing and yelling who would want to be around that?

District 16 – Agrees she is not coaching properly, but the girl struck her coach.

District 8 – No she struck her mom during a 4H event.

District 4 – Our numbers are dropping like rocks. A coach is a teacher and you can't treat anyone like that.

District 8 – Amber who remove her daughter from classes and place someone else in it as punishment.

2nd Vice Chair – District 4 hit it. If it were a teacher they would be finding themselves a new job.

District 1 – How does the child treat assistant coaches?

District 8 – There isn't one.

2nd Vice Chair – That is why we put the caviate in place for the assistant coach.

Rules Chair – If the BOD votes for this the executive board will setup a meeting with the team.

District 8 – The daughter isn't joining this year.

District 13 – Calls the question

20120808-000 Vote to accept the executive board's recommendation for the removal of Amber Propst as head coach of the Chippewa Hill's equestrian team.

Yes=9, No=1, Abstain=5 Passed

C. Team Rules

District 4 – Anymore team rules? Has 5 districts out of 20. Next month we start our meets. He doesn't want to go over a bunch at one time. Send them in as you get them.

District 15 – Has some teams with school rules.

District 4 – Send them in.

New Business:

A. Parent Issue

19 – At junior registration they decided they wanted to enforce a good GPA in order to ride.

He talked with the assistant coach and they felt the parent was attacking the kid. He felt the parent was trying to limit the team by any means. The rule was never voted on and enforced.

Chair – As a club the school doesn't want to intervene?

District 19 – Hasn't talked to the school. What can be done about the parent?

Rules Chair – If it's not a varsity sport they don't have access to grades. As such they can't enforce the rule.

District 19 – What actions can be taken?

Rules Chair – She would sit down with the parent and explain if a complaint is filed her access to meets could be very limited.

District 4 – That is why we passed the Rules SOP. 90% all has GPA stuff in them. The club voted on it.

District 20 – Page 13 item K. It says the rider can be DQ'd by the parents actions. The DCs is in charge of that.

District 1 – Would point out that this rule will affect her daughter also.

District 13 – Do it in writing, maybe even certified.

B. Team Formation – District 16

District 16 – On home school rules, he spoke with the chair on this subject. There is a private school with no team that has sent kids to other school teams. They want to form a team but don't want to show on Sundays. The team never really materialized. There are still kids wanting to form a team. Two kids show in district 9 for the Fruitport team. If the school forms a team the 2 Fruitport kids will have to show for the school they attend. And there is a home schooled kid who will have to form his own team.

His solution is to have the 2 kids on other teams join the newly formed team next year and let them show on the current team this year. He might get a team formed without messing up the current team structure this year.

District 13 – Is afraid of starting a precedent. Every year it's another district who has to do it.

Chair – The issue is a girl is already established with their team.

District 18 – they have to go with whole package.

Rules Chair – Gives background on the 2 riders and their joining Fruitport.

District 16 – Wants the kids to understand a rule is a rule and will go back with that but doesn't want to be so stringent.

District 6 – Suggests to wait until next year to form the team.

District 1 – Has a similar problem and told her group she is looking into this and things may change next year.

District 2 – Has another instance of it.

District 16 – Has another rider who goes with Unity for his schooling. He stated either ride with Zeeland or form your own team.

Chair – the issue he is trying to get to is they want to let the senior ride for Fruitport but let the Christian school form a team.

No support shown from the BOD.

District 16 – Where do they start having a team?

2nd Vice Chair – Don't wait. The rider will have to choose either to ride for the Christian school or not at all.

C. District 13

It has been brought to the executive board's attention that district 13 has only 10 riders for senior

District 13 – Ogemaw's coach resigned. Another stepped in. Yesterday she was to meet and get paperwork. All five riders called stating they were not going to ride. No kids from Whittemore contacted back to enroll.

She is working on the problem. There is information missing and is working to get it. If it is a coaching issue then maybe something can be done. Letters have been sent out along with emails to the school districts. She will be sending them to all fair superintendents. She is going to follow-up. Her plea is to let her have the shows. They have all their things in place. Please give her a year to build.

Treasurer: What is your bear bones cost?

District 13 – They are willing to raise funds to help fund this. They have teams riding in other districts.

2nd Vice Chair – Last year district 13 was 12 riders short of break even. They haven't had a chance to build it effectively with someone who is proactive.

What she saw last month was not actual. She did say she may have to have each team fund raise a \$100 per rider.

District 4 – This district has been a provisioned district for 2 years. All he is trying to say is we need to clean this up.

District 18 – We should give her a last chance year with a different DC.

20120808-001 Motion to allow District 13 one more year to bring numbers up.

Motion – District 18

Second – District 5

Yes=12, No=2, Abstain=2

Passed

2nd Vice Chair – What do you pay for grounds and judges?

District 13 - \$200 per meet and \$350 per judge plus hotel
\$65 Registration

She was told she was going to get a check for \$2000.

District 4 – Doesn't agree with the motion but we are already out \$800+

Secretary – How much can you fundraise in a month?

District 13 - \$500 or more

2nd Vice Chair – Amount of loss is \$1380

District 18 – What is her bottom line next year?

2nd Vice Chair – 38 riders to make it @ \$52.

Chair – Asks Tracee to really encourage other riders to participate along with their friends.

Rules Chair – Suggestion: If your show is that small you may get judges to drive that day if you start later.

District 20 – Alpena you may never get. They are related to everyone in Gaylord.

District 13 – There are schools who used to have teams where the coach just dropped.

D. Rulebook

Rules – Passed out papers for Article 10 as it was not in the book. It will be put on the web.

E. Website

Chair – The company went through a major server upgrade they didn't notice with 2008 they removed front page extensions. That is what Chene used to write the web pages. GoDaddy can't make it work. He has to totally rewrite the web pages. He will start with forms and the rulebook.

District 19 – Is willing to do that. His company does some non profit stuff. He will check on the particulars.

District 16 – If you do that can district 16 get their own web page?

District 19 – Sub web sites are free. So yes. Accounts for each DC can be setup.

A process and procedures needs to be done for content.

Chair – If they donate is it OK?

20120808-002 Motion to allow a company logo on the donated website.

Motion – District 13

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Passed

Committees

State Show Committee – District 18 – Has to get a meeting together. He has missed a lot of contact with the state show chair. Please include the treasurer. The 2nd vice chair will work on that.

Chair – What we were told on the contract wasn't correct. District 6 was able to get a copy for the executive board. There is no flat fee and no itemized bill. We are working on that. The amounts have not changed over the years.

Larry Flanary – There was a contract every year. The first year it was around \$40,000 then \$38 or 36,000 for the next year. The first year they charged extra.

Chair – Where we thought it would be less of a cost for people to camp, like free, it's actually \$17 per night. We need an itemized invoice. We have no breakdown.

District 6 – He will have Lloyd count stalls and campsites.

Larry – He did all the counting instead of Lloyd.

Chair – Last year our bill was \$38,000. This was the same as years ago.

What we were charged is more than double of what was charged to cover it.

Larry – Gave Lloyd \$200 cash out of his pocket.

Chair – This is stuff they are finding out now. They want to make sure everyone knows what the findings are.

Rules Committee – Covered

Junior Committee – No Report

Regional Committee – Back Tags, are we ordering?

Treasurer - \$182 per region is the cost. This going to be X2 this year. The regions will be charged for them.

Chair – We are running in the red now. This year we'll have almost double. Are we going to be incurring extra costs?

District 16 – It should help as many of your fixed costs stay the same.

Chair – When you run your regions keep in mind extra costs.

District 4 – Region E needs to meet.

1st Vice Chair – Pins are ordered.

Membership – Meeting is scheduled.

Historian – Larry received a couple emails for wins and losses for states.

Looking for someone to take over the historian information.

Myra has a lot of information.

Chair – Do we want to find someone? Leave it open? Someone come up with some names.

Leave it with the secretary.

Judges Committee – No Report

Patterns – 2nd Vice Chair – Sent out district patterns 1set for 1 show so far.

Does everyone want a different set for each show?

Answer: Yes

Anyone need them for August shows? Districts 15, 6 and 8

Awards Committee – 1st Vice Chair – Regional pins are ordered. Trophies are ordered for districts and regionals. Districts need to figure \$25 per reserve trophy.

Finance – Covered

Nominations – No Report.

Scholarship– Needs one more on the committee – district 5

Needs a check for the 2011 scholarship winner. November 1st is the deadline for 2012

Logo – Option 1=0, Option 2=3, Option 3=5, Option 4=2, Option 5=6

State winner Option 5, Region winner Option 3 both are from Ortonville

Emily Vince – Brandon Eq Team

Tracker Program – Update was received. Problem with placings. Notified the developer who is working to correct the problem.

National Competition Committee – Larry – Still going to put the show on for right now. Dan Gruenwald is the contact for WIHA. Problem will be the money. Hiram rides with Kathy and Allen Wood. He is willing to work with us in the fuel arena. Suggestions to go in high with an estimate. We want to have it here. They want to have it there.

District 18 – Is under the impression it's only a small part of a larger show.
Would prefer to hold a real interstate meet.

District 4 – Ohio has an equestrian team program and thinks holding a real
championship meet makes more sense.

Larry – They approached us and wanted to do this.

1st Vice Chair – What's the harm in going to Wisconsin this year and having
them come to us next year?

Larry – Would like to finish up with the new chair on this. We have the offer
of fuel. Mid February is the show. He will check on it and get phone
numbers and names. This is during a 3 day show.

District Reports:

1. No Report
2. No Report
3. No Report
4. No Report
5. Aug 23rd Reg
6. Last weekend in Aug meet 1 and 2, Sept 8 meet 3, 106 riders
7. Not Present
8. No Report
9. Good
10. 3 schools restarting teams, 1 new team
11. Not Present
12. Not Present.
13. Covered
14. Not Present
15. 79 riders
16. 3 or 4 new teams over 100 riders
17. Good, 2 new teams, 1 new junior team.
18. Good
19. 3 new teams, lost 1 team, registration Monday
20. Early Departure

Correspondence:

None

Call to the Public:

1st Vice Chair – Double check dates on insurance.

Chair – Needs numbers for riders, coaches and grooms for insurance. This
has to be before our next meeting. ALL RIDERS. Needed before the end of
August.

Motion to adjourn

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District 19 – Seconds

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Adjourned 9:15 pm

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Tasks:

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